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From: Wooster, Richard
Sent: Wed 6/20/2018 3:32:42 PM
Subject: RE: Notes from Today's NPS Meeting

Yeah, that's the problem when I miss meetings and other folks try to fill in for my gap. As you know, there is no TMDL which has been released. We've only shared the models.

Thanks for pointing that out.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:31 AM
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Illinois River

- TMDL released to OK and AR.

Inquiring minds want to know what TMDL..

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Illinois River

- TMDL released to OK and AR.
- Working to develop training for the states.
- Tamir will be doing the training development.
- Contractors will be doing training development.
- How will the modeling effort impact the implementation on the plan. The training should look to update watershed based plans

Update on Funds (SENATE VERSION)

EPM: Funding chart on page 138.

- **\$26.723 NEP Coastal Waterways.** NEP: No requirement for a competitive grant program. Report instructs funding NEPs at \$600K each. (page 67) The Committee supports the National Estuary Program and believes that estuaries provide critical ecosystem services that protect human health and public safety. These include water filtration, flood control, habitat enhancement and restoration, shoreline stabilization, erosion prevention, and the protection of coastal communities during hurricanes and storms. The Committee recognizes that many industries rely on healthy estuaries, and the Committee has provided funding to ensure the protection of these critical ecosystems. (Report page 69). Level with FY18. \$26.723 above FY19 PB.

Geographic Programs: Funding chart on page 137 of Report

- **\$14.547M Gulf of Mexico** (Report page 65). The bill provides \$14,542,000 for the Gulf of Mexico Geographic Program where hypoxia is a growing cause for concern. The Committee directs the Agency to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Gulf States, and other State, local and private partners to leverage greater resources toward conservation projects on working-lands within the Gulf Region and Mississippi River Basin. The Agency is directed to distribute funds in the

same manner as fiscal year 2018. (page 66) \$2M above FY18. +\$14.547 above FY19 PB.

- **\$948K Lake Pontchartrain** (Report page 65). Level with FY18. +\$948K above FY19 PB.

STAG: Funding chart on page 141 of Report.

- **\$4M Animas River:** *Animas River Spill.*—The Committee feels strongly that an adequate long-term water quality monitoring program must be place for the states and tribes affected following the Gold King Mine Spill into the Animas River that impacted Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and the Navajo Nation. The Committee has, to date, provided \$8,000,000 for the first two installments of a 5-year total authorization of \$20,000,000 in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322). The Committee provides \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 and directs the EPA to continue to work in consultation with affected States and Tribes on this effort. In addition, the Committee expects the EPA to process all state, tribal, and local requests for reimbursements for costs incurred in an expeditious manner. Further, the Committee concurs with the Agency’s decision to reconsider its previous determination to deny claims for damages from the Animas River Spill by invoking the discretionary act exemption in the Federal Tort Claims Act, but is concerned that little progress has been made on processing or paying out claims. The Committee is also concerned that the Agency is applying or may apply an inconsistent standard that discriminates against certain claimants. The Committee expects the Agency and the Federal government to take a clear and consistent position on the question of whether they are responsible for damages caused to others by the Gold King Mine release. The Committee supports paying out all legitimate claims from the Judgment Fund, consistent with the Federal Tort Claims Act, and communicating all relevant aspects of the claims process clearly to all affected communities, State, local and Tribal governments, along with the Committee. Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, the Agency shall provide to the Committee a written report detailing the status of the review of the legal basis for allowing or rejecting claims and the date by which such review will be complete, the current process underway for processing claims, the status of all claims, including reconsidered claims, the Agency’s complete plan for processing all claims, and any other future planned actions related to current or future claims. (Report page 75-76)
- **\$170.915 NPS/S.319:** The Committee has provided \$170,915,000 in Nonpoint Source grants, equal to the fiscal year 2018 level. The Committee expects the Agency to examine the allocation formula to ensure that resources are being spent in areas with the most pressing need. (Report page 76). Bill includes Tribal waiver. (Bill page 79) Level with FY18. +\$170.915 above FY19 PB.
- **\$17.848M Section 106 Monitoring:** Page 76 of bill. Level with FY18. +\$5.964 above FY19 PB.
- **\$109.078M STAG Rescission:** Page 80 of bill. Report instructs rescission to be taken from new obligating authority (Report page 77).

City of San Marcos TWDB CWSRF loan [Upper San Marcos River Watershed Based Plan – Looked to be accepted next week]

- Data collection on water
- Construction of water supply
- Waste water Treatment
- Flood Control
- Agricultural water supply

Texas Watershed Round Table

- What do we do when watershed plan matures?
 - We need to get together to determine what we will say.
 - Topic for July 18 meeting

Buffalo River (AR) Watershed Plan Accepted

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